

Table 4.

People and Families in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2008 and 2009

(Numbers in thousands, confidence intervals [C.I.] in thousands or percentage points as appropriate. People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/apss/docs/cps/cpsmar10.pdf)

Characteristic	2008					2009					Change in poverty ²	
	Total	Below poverty				Total	Below poverty					
		Number	90 percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percent	90 percent C.I. ¹ (±)		Number	90 percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Percent	90 percent C.I. ¹ (±)	Number	Percent
PEOPLE												
Total	301,041	39,829	701	13.2	0.2	303,820	43,569	732	14.3	0.2	*3,740	*1.1
Family Status												
In families	248,301	28,564	607	11.5	0.2	249,384	31,197	633	12.5	0.3	*2,634	*1.0
Householder.	78,874	8,147	192	10.3	0.2	78,867	8,792	201	11.1	0.3	*644	*0.8
Related children under 18	72,980	13,507	353	18.5	0.5	73,410	14,774	366	20.1	0.5	*1,267	*1.6
Related children under 6	24,884	5,295	231	21.3	0.9	25,104	5,983	244	23.8	0.9	*688	*2.6
In unrelated subfamilies	1,207	555	89	46.0	5.4	1,357	693	99	51.1	5.1	*138	5.1
Reference person	452	207	54	45.7	8.9	521	253	60	48.7	8.3	47	2.9
Children under 18	712	341	61	47.8	6.2	747	423	68	56.6	6.0	*82	*8.7
Unrelated individuals	51,534	10,710	228	20.8	0.3	53,079	11,678	242	22.0	0.3	*968	*1.2
Male	25,240	4,759	139	18.9	0.5	26,269	5,255	147	20.0	0.5	*496	*1.1
Female	26,293	5,951	158	22.6	0.5	26,811	6,424	166	24.0	0.5	*473	*1.3
Race ³ and Hispanic Origin												
White	240,548	26,990	592	11.2	0.2	242,047	29,830	621	12.3	0.3	*2,841	*1.1
White, not Hispanic	196,940	17,024	479	8.6	0.2	197,164	18,530	499	9.4	0.2	*1,506	*0.8
Black	37,966	9,379	337	24.7	0.8	38,556	9,944	345	25.8	0.8	*565	*1.1
Asian	13,310	1,576	145	11.8	1.1	14,005	1,746	152	12.5	1.1	*169	0.6
Hispanic (any race)	47,398	10,987	348	23.2	0.7	48,811	12,350	363	25.3	0.7	*1,363	*2.1
Age												
Under 18 years	74,068	14,068	359	19.0	0.5	74,579	15,451	372	20.7	0.5	*1,383	*1.7
18 to 64 years	189,185	22,105	536	11.7	0.3	190,627	24,684	563	12.9	0.3	*2,579	*1.3
65 years and older	37,788	3,656	134	9.7	0.4	38,613	3,433	130	8.9	0.3	*-223	*-0.8
Nativity												
Native born	264,314	33,293	650	12.6	0.2	266,223	36,407	678	13.7	0.3	*3,114	*1.1
Foreign born	36,727	6,536	345	17.8	0.9	37,597	7,162	361	19.0	0.9	*626	*1.3
Naturalized citizen	15,470	1,577	171	10.2	1.0	16,024	1,736	179	10.8	1.1	160	0.6
Not a citizen	21,257	4,959	301	23.3	1.3	21,573	5,425	315	25.1	1.3	*466	*1.8
Region												
Northeast	54,123	6,295	292	11.6	0.5	54,571	6,650	296	12.2	0.5	*355	0.6
Midwest	65,589	8,120	319	12.4	0.5	65,980	8,768	335	13.3	0.5	*648	*0.9
South	110,666	15,862	458	14.3	0.4	112,165	17,609	479	15.7	0.4	*1,747	*1.4
West	70,663	9,552	360	13.5	0.5	71,103	10,542	376	14.8	0.5	*990	*1.3
Residence												
Inside metropolitan statistical areas	253,048	32,570	643	12.9	0.3	256,028	35,655	672	13.9	0.3	*3,085	*1.1
Inside principal cities	97,217	17,222	481	17.7	0.5	97,725	18,261	496	18.7	0.5	*1,039	*1.0
Outside principal cities	155,831	15,348	456	9.8	0.3	158,302	17,394	484	11.0	0.3	*2,046	*1.1
Outside metropolitan statistical areas ⁴	47,993	7,259	390	15.1	0.8	47,792	7,914	407	16.6	0.8	*656	*1.4
Work Experience												
Total, 16 years and older	236,024	27,216	587	11.5	0.2	238,095	29,625	609	12.4	0.3	*2,409	*0.9
All workers	158,317	10,085	372	6.4	0.2	154,772	10,680	382	6.9	0.2	*595	*0.5
Worked full-time, year-round	104,023	2,754	197	2.6	0.2	99,306	2,641	193	2.7	0.2	-113	-
Less than full-time, year-round	54,294	7,331	319	13.5	0.6	55,466	8,039	333	14.5	0.6	*708	*1.0
Did not work at least 1 week	77,707	17,131	477	22.0	0.6	83,323	18,944	499	22.7	0.5	*1,814	*0.7
FAMILIES												
Total	78,874	8,147	192	10.3	0.2	78,867	8,792	201	11.1	0.3	*644	*0.8
Type of Family												
Married-couple	59,137	3,261	112	5.5	0.2	58,428	3,409	114	5.8	0.2	*147	*0.3
Female householder, no husband present	14,482	4,163	128	28.7	1.0	14,857	4,441	133	29.9	1.0	*278	*1.1
Male householder, no wife present	5,255	723	50	13.8	1.0	5,582	942	57	16.9	1.1	*219	*3.1

— Represents or rounds to zero. * Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

¹ A 90 percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_238sa.pdf.

² Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

³ Federal surveys now give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. Therefore, two basic ways of defining a race group are possible. A group such as Asian may be defined as those who reported Asian and no other race (the race-alone or single-race concept) or as those who reported Asian regardless of whether they also reported another race (the race-alone-or-in-combination concept). This table shows data using the first approach (race alone). The use of the single-race population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches. Information on people who reported more than one race, such as White **and** American Indian and Alaska Native or Asian **and** Black or African American, is available from Census 2000 through American FactFinder. About 2.6 percent of people reported more than one race in Census 2000. Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and those reporting two or more races are not shown separately.

⁴ The "Outside metropolitan statistical areas" category includes both micropolitan statistical areas and territory outside of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. For more information, see "About Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas" at www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/aboutmetro.html.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.